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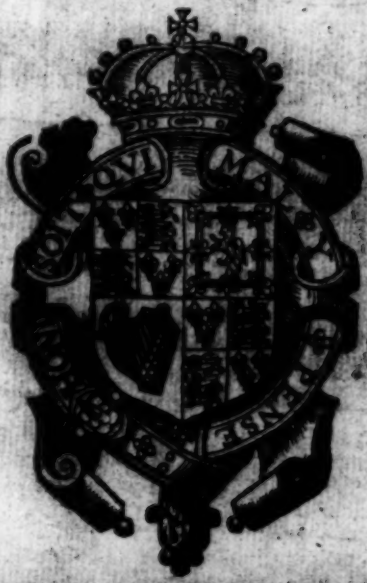
With a Gracious Answer to the French Kings *Royall* Letter. Mar. 10. 1641.



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DECLARATION OF THE LORDS AND COMMONS in PARLIAMENT.

With a Gracious Answer to the Petition of the Lords and Commons.

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The Kings Majesties Answer to the Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

THE King our Soveraign Excellent Majesty ha[s]
[illegible] Declaration of [illegible]
[illegible] from the Houses, [illegible]
[illegible] at the first Access [illegible]
[illegible] more [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] them
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] following.

I [illegible] you expect not I should [illegible]
[illegible] answer to this strange and un[illegible]
[illegible] and I am sorry (in the [illegible]
[illegible]) you should thinke [illegible]
[illegible] to be more convenient [illegible]
[illegible] any Message of the 20. of [illegible]

As concerning the grounds of your Feares and Jealousies, I will take [illegible] particularly and doubt not but I shall [illegible] to the satisfacti-

A [illegible] on

on of all the world. God in his good time, will I hope, discover the secret and bottome of all plots and Treasons, and make them manifest in the eyes of all my people. In the mean time I must tell you, That I rather expected a Declaration for the imputation laid on me in Master *Pym*s Speech, then that any more Generall rumours and Discourses should get credit with you.

For my Feares and Doubts, I did not thinke they should have beene thought so grounde lesse or trivial, while so many seditious Pamphlets and Sermons are looked upon, and so great Tumults are remembred, unpunished, uninquired into: I will confesse my Feares, and call God to witnesse, That they are greater for the true Protestant Profession, My people and Lawes, than for my owne rights of Safety; though I must tell you, I conceive that none of these are free from danger.

What would you have? Have I violated your Lawes? Have I denyed to passe any one Bill for the ease and security of My Subjects? I doe not aske you what you have done for Me.

Have any of my people been transport with Feares and Apprehensions? I have offered as free and generall a Pardon, as your selves can devise. All this considered? There is a Judgement from Heaven upon this Nation, if these distractions continue. A

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and for the Obſervation and preſervation of the
tion.

As for the Additionall Declaration you ſtay
expect an Anſwer to it, when you ſhall receive
the Anſwer to the Declaration it ſelfe.

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THE [illegible] Blossomes, included in the Rhetoricall Dialect expressed in your late Royall Epistle, formed not onely to procreate a conservative alacrity in our Princely minde, but also hath engaged our obsequious affection to you in the reciprocative obligation of reciprocall fraternity.

And first, we highly applaud your [illegible] sollicitation for our prosperous security in our kingdomes, and your mutuall sympathy with us in all inauspicious and disastrous opposition.

Secondly, we greatly extoll the propensity of your clement Nature, in being so pathetically zealous to compose the tumultuous distractions in our kingdomes, both in Ecclesiasticall and Temporall Affaires, and so dolefully passionate at the rebellious insurrection of *Ireland*.

Moreover, we gratifie your Noble lenity, in that you published a Proclamation to the Epidemicall Aspect of all in your kingdome in dehortation

Thirdly, whereas an execration [illegible]
was by some [illegible]
on you, in an imaginary conceyte, [illegible]
regarded the rebels in an incouraging attendati-
on, that they should proceed more tyrannically,
and in assured expectation of your auxiliary con-
tulation: We royally protest, that if we could
receive real intelligence and certaine informati-
on of any who should presume to dehonest your
Imperial Diademe in that opprobrious manner,
without Just grounds and cause for the same, hee
should suffer the condignity of exemplary pu-
nishment for his enormous scandal. For wee
have a more propitious opinion, and greater
confidence of your fraternall Fidelity, then to
demolish or extenuate in the least derogation
our Realmes; and in this regard hoping in your
inflexible promise (expressed in your Letter) we
shall and will respectively vindicate what aspers-
sions are unlawfully cast upon your innocuous
intent. And we seriously imbrace your carefull
Indulgencie declared to our selfe, your devotive
affection to your Sister, our delicious Consort,
and your desire of peace succinctly described;
all which doe beget a mutuall ardencie of Love,
and respects in me, and doe unitely joyne to the
perfect composition of obsequious gratulation.
But finally, for your last resolution concerning
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